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A self-made man in every sense of the word is James McGovern, the twenty-eight-year-old Democratic candidate for the Assembly from the Seventeenth District. In eighteen years, despite the handicap of a constitution none too robust, he has worked himself up from the position of newsboy on the streets of the west side to a place of prominence in the ranks of the young attorneys of the city.

Young McGovern attended Grammar School No. 51, in West Forty-fourth street, until he was fourteen years old, selling newspapers in the evenings. After leaving school he went into the office of Col. James McNaught, then general counsel of the Northern Pacific Railroad, as an errand boy, and was eventually promoted to be chief clerk in the law department.

Born with a gift of language and a good voice, he drifted into politics when he was still a boy, and the campaign of 1917 found him rejoicing in the title of "Tammany's Boy Orator." At the close of that campaign he was run down in health and went to Arizona at the suggestion of Capt. "Buckie" O'Neill, who was killed at the head of his company of Rough Riders in the charge up San Juan Hill.

In Arizona Mr. McGovern taught a district school, wrote editorial paragraphs for a Flagstaff newspaper and turned some political tricks for his friend, O'Neill, who made old-timers there sit up and take notice. His Democratic of Coconino County wanted him to stay and run for District-Atorney.

When the Rough Riders were organized in Texas at the outbreak of the war in 1898, Mr. McGovern hastened to join, but was rejected because of weak eyes. He returned to New York with nothing but his nerves, hustled in day-time, studied law nights, and was admitted to the bar in 1901. At present he is managing clerk in the New York office of Henry Mayer, the leader of the Chicago bar.

Because of his oratorical ability and his knowledge of parliamentary law, he is looked upon as a coming factor in the State Legislature. The Democratic plurality in his district is about 2,500, but if enthusiasm counts in his supporters, he will run away beyond it.

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Herrville, seven miles south of this city, today and robbed of \$3,000. The victim is the representative of an Italian bank in Philadelphia, and comes here once a month to get money for deposit in the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's new line. Yesterday he was paid, and the amount given him for deposit was about \$3,000.

While driving to the railway station at Herrville today, accompanied by a farmer, he was held up by two men armed with rifles and relieved of the money. The Italian took the train for Philadelphia without notifying the Lancaster police of the occurrence.

MENINGITIS QUICKLY FATAL.

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